



Hanson Economic Development Committee
Minutes of the Public Meeting of
January 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Town Hall, Selectman's Meeting Room, 1st Floor
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA02341

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***ATTENTION: THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY**

Call to Order

At 6:05 PM the Hanson Economic Development Committee was called to order by the Committee Chair, Laura Kemmett. Those present were as follows:

Present:

- Laura Kemmett, Committee Chair
- Dan Bathalon-Member (Joined Virtually)
- Ken Sweezey-Member
- Kevin Cohen-Member
- Jim Geronaitis-Member (Joined Virtually)
- Tony DeFrias-Town Planner
- Jillian Tully-Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board

Others Present:

- Lisa Green, Town Administrator
- Lucia Silveira, Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen
- Kerry Glass, Building Inspector

Documents:

- December 13, 2021 Meeting minutes
- Potential Development Properties Document

Minutes

I. Status of Economic Development Committee Minutes

Chairman Kemmett inquired about the status of previous meeting minutes. Ms. Greene explained that IT is supplying Ms. Tully with a laptop and she will be taking on the task of completing previous

minutes. She stated that “once Ms. Tully is given the minutes she will start working on getting them completed.”

MOTION by Chairman Kemmett to approve the minutes from the latest meeting, December 13, 2021. Motion seconded and carried. *Voted 4-0*

II. Historic Museum Update

Chairman Kemmett opened up a discussion regarding the possibility of a Hanson Historical Museum. She stated that the Hanson Historical Commission as well as the Hanson Historical Society have been discussing potentially moving historical buildings, some of which could include; the Old School House, the Cobbler Shop and other historic buildings. She went on to explain that they could be relocated to the Plymouth County Hospital area, which is planned to be undergoing its own renovation in the coming years. This would allow for artifacts and exhibits to be on display and available to the public.

The Hanson Historical Commission and Society have both discussed approaching the Community Preservation Committee to inquire about funding. This funding could allow for the creation of a small museum and/or the relocation of the previously mentioned historic buildings to serve as said museum.

Both Mr. Geronaitis and Mr. Sweezey added to the discussion, stating that they have connected with members on other boards and committees regarding this topic and conversations are underway.

III. Private Party Main Street/Phillips St development projects

Mr. Glass (Building Inspector) stated that he has signed off on a Temporary Condition of Occupancy for developers, Dakota Partners, on Phillips St. He went on to explain that the property is still in need of some additions, including; Signage, flashing speed signs and a glass enclosed booth to serve as a bus stop.

He went on to state that tenants are estimated to begin moving into the 48-unit development, made up of single and double bedroom dwellings, by the end of January 2022.

Regarding Main Street, Mr. Glass went on to explain that developers are currently waiting on engineers for finalized plans, but plan to start construction this spring.

IV. Planner update on grants

Mr. DeFrias stated that he and the Town Administrator were both scheduled to participate in a zoom meeting with Tracey Costa the following day that will provide information regarding the “Community One Stop for Growth” that will allow for the ability to search for state grants in one spot, which will make it easier to explore potential grants. He went on to say that he will have a better idea on where we stand with grants in the next meeting.

V. Discussion of potential ARPA project grants from the state for small business in Hanson

Chairman Kemmett stated that the Economic Development Committee has received a \$35,000.00 grant for small business in Hanson. She said she would like the group to begin thinking about that best ways to use these funds.

VI. Update on creation of future 40R District

Mr. DeFrias stated that he has provided a Power Point Presentation to the committee that goes over 40R Zoning. He would like to present this presentation in the committees next meeting. The presentation will include information about “Smart Growth” and new MBTA regulations.

Next Meeting

Chairman Kemmett stated that the next Economic Development Committee meeting is February 15, 2022

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Tully, Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board